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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
SUBJECT: Request for Information for [REDACTED] on Soviet 25X1X7  
Production of Tanks  
REFERENCE: Your memorandum No. 3090-L-233, 1 August 1958

In response to your recent request for our comments on the referenced subject, please note the material that follows.

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1. This office is in general agreement with the position taken by [REDACTED] concerning tank production in the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant. Although it is thought that production of armored vehicles was transferred to newly constructed buildings after the war, these buildings are in the Tractor Plant area and not that of the Ordzhonikidze Plant.

2. Prior to the departure of PW's in 1949, the Ordzhonikidze Plant was reported to be supplying large components for tanks to the Tractor Plant. Perhaps, sighting of these components led some sources to believe that this plant was producing tanks.

3. It may be significant that the Soviet press in 1956 indicated that the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant was still subordinate to the Ministry of Transport Machine Building and was supplying the Leningrad Kirov Plant of the same ministry with various components for transport machines. Tractors are usually referred to as such--not as "transport machines." Plants whose principal production was tractors were normally subordinate to the Ministry of Tractor and Agricultural Machine Building. It is felt that inasmuch as the subordination of the Tractor Plant did not change after the war, it has probably retained some armored vehicle or other non-tractor production.

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